

Mill Dam School



Newsletter: 1.10.21

Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 207 children have been ready, respectful, safe and kind at all times.

Excellent behaviour this week!

Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2
29/29	30/30	25/26	30/30

Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
24/25	26/26	17/18	26/28

Well done everyone!

Attendance and Lates

This week 92% and 2 late.
Our attendance target for the year is 97%
Year to date: 94.8%

Nursery 90.2% 0 late Reception 93.5% 0 late

Class 1 89.8% 0 late

Class 2 97.3% 0 late

Class 3 91.7% 0 late Class 4 77.6% 1 late

Class 5 95.9% 0 late Class 6 69.6% 1 late

Stars of the week

Nursery: RC

Reception: whole class

Class 1: RF

Class 2: JB

Class 3: KS

Class 4: whole class

Class 5: whole class

Class 6: whole class

Well Done!

Up and Coming Key Dates

27 May 22, 25 +26 July 22	INSET DAYS Please use these to plan ahead for holidays.
Weeks beginning 11 th and 18th October 21	Parents' evening by phone – details sent separately
22 October 21	Break up for half term
1 November 21	Return to school

Further dates will be added as the term progresses

Leadership Signposting: If you have any concerns or questions about your child's learning or the work of the school please speak to their class teacher or a member of the Leadership Team before or after school. If your question is more in depth please make an appointment to see the class teacher. Mrs Thompson, Miss Norton, Mrs Stevenson, Ms Samuels and Mr West are happy to meet with any parents who would like to speak to us. If we are free we will see you immediately but if not please make an appointment with the office and we will meet with you as soon as possible.





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Nursery @MD EYFS

This week we have been talking lots about our houses. We have had a go at drawing our house and talking about all the different things we might find in a house. We then had a go at building our house using a variety of construction equipment. In maths we have been practicing our shape recognition. Lots of us already know some of our shapes, we will carry on practicing this next week. We are becoming much more familiar with the nursery routine, we are excellent at lining up and washing our hands now. This week we have noticed some strong friendships forming between nursery children, which is lovely to see. Our nursery children are getting better at sharing and taking turns. Everyone has had kind hands this week which we are so happy about. We are singing lots of number songs and next week we would love to make a musical shaker. If you could send your child with two clean yogurt pots to use for their shaker that would be fantastic. We are really looking forward to playing our shakers while we are singing.

Class 1 @MD_Class1

In our history topic this week, Year One looked at a range of photographs of people and fashions from different eras and tried to identify which fashions and trends came from which era. We identified and described how fashions and hairstyles had changed across time. I then asked the children if there were any fashions they especially liked and any they were less impressed by! The punk era won the children's vote. So, parents, get those leg warmers out, hot pants and platform shoes on and show the children what pure style is!

Class 3@MD_Class3

We have had another great week in Class 3! We have continued with our topic of costal contrasts and used our computing skills to research some rock pool creatures. In maths we have started our new topic of addition and subtraction which the children have worked really well through. It was great to see how many children had read 5 times this week, keep up the brilliant reading! Our star of the week this week is KS as he is engaged in every lesson and always contributes. I have awarded lots of dojos this week for good behaviour so let's keep up the good work next week!

Class 5 @MD_Class5

Class 5 have had a very busy week building on the learning from the residential and day visit. They have been learning more about the coast, its formation and geographical features as well as the creatures and plants that call it home. The class have coped really well with changes of staff this week and I am very proud of their effort and positive attitude.

Reception @MD Reception

Our reception children have had a very busy week working with Mrs Hebblethwaite and they all wish Mrs Barrett a speedy recovery. They have been learning about autumn and the changes in the seasons and have accessed lots of different learning inside and out – avoiding the sharp showers wherever possible. Well done to all of reception for such grown up, sensible learning.

Class 2 @MD_Class2

It has been another busy week in Class 2. In maths we have been finding different ways to represent numbers, using different concrete resources as well as partitioning the numbers in various ways. This has proved to be quite tricky working out the different number of tens and ones needed to make a number, for example, 30 + 2 = 32. 20 + 12 = 32 and 10 + 22 = 32. Please practise this at home using money, such as ten pences and one pences, as well as with other objects such as Lego bricks.

In literacy we have started working on a diary entry, looking at the features of a diary such as being written in the first person and in the past tense. We have also started working on adjectives and expanded noun phrases to add description and detail in our writing. The children's homework includes practising these in phrases.

Class 4 @MD Class4

We have been back from the residential for a week and there is still a buzz in the air about how amazing our learners were on our mini adventure, for some of them the first time they had stayed away from parents overnight for others the first time making their own bed or sharing a room. Everyone who attended, residential or day trip, learner or staff was amazing and did our learning community proud to the point where the staff at the Sea life centre described you as "The best behaved school trip they had ever had". We can't wait for next year's learning adventure.

Those of our teammates learning from home please remember that even though we are not doing live lessons all of the resources you need to learn at home have been uploaded to both Teams and under the Covid 19 section of the school website, we need to show our super resilience and try to keep up with our learning even when we are poorly.

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Hope we will all be back together soon.

Have a great weekend.

Class 6 @MD_Class6

It has been lovely to have been in school this week. The children have greatly impressed me with their positive, hardworking and well-mannered attitude and they have tried hard all week. In English we have been focusing on writing dialogue with detail and the correct punctuation as well as looking at descriptive language. In Maths we have largely been practicing long multiplication. Despite quite a few children finding this difficult - the children have persevered, and all the children have made some progress with the method. However, quite a few children are struggling with recalling times table facts, and I have spoken to them about how important it is to play TTRockstars to practise these important facts at home.

Mrs Thompson @MD_MrsThompson It has been a very unusual week this week with different staff and children absent on different days but everyone in school has remained settled and shown brilliant attitudes towards learning. Those children accessing their learning from home have also shown commitment and focus. I am so proud of the way in which all of the children, staff and yourselves as parents have risen to the challenges which Covid keeps sending our way. I know that I keep saying this but I can't thank you enough for all of your support. The residential and day visits for KS2 last week were phenominal days and the children were an absolute credit (though some did get rather wet rock pooling!). Due to the current Covid levels around the community I have made a change to the planned parents' evening and this will now take place by phone over the last two weeks of this half term. A letter with specific details will follow. Have a great weekend.

